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<u>RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND REQUIREMENT</u>
FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES, AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 9, 2007 regarding the above-identified application, requiring an election of one set of claims to pursue, and requiring an election of species.

The Examiner states in the Office Action that this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions: Group I -- claims 1-22, drawn to a composition, classified in class 424, subclass 440; and Group II -- claims 23-40, drawn to a method of use, classified in class 514, subclass 648.

In response, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-22) to pursue in this application.

The Examiner also states that Applicants are required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner states that if Group I is elected, then elections of species within that group are required. Specifically, Applicants must elect one of each of the following patentably distinct species: dosage forms, buffers, and oral dissolution agents.

In response, Applicants elect the following species: Iollipop as the species of dosage form; phosphate buffer as the species of buffer; and dextrose as the species of oral dissolution agent. Of the claims of Group I, claims 1-4 and 6-22 read thereon.

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